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NEW CHILD CARE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

Coming Soon!!



"Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime"

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and Registration Program*

The Child Care Licensing and Registration Program, within the Bureau of Child Care and Health Facilities, has developed a web-based information system for the management and dissemination of child care licensing, inspection, compliance and enforcement data. Local health department staff and many other state and local child care partners gave input into the design of this new system and we are very pleased to announce the system will be made available soon.

When the system is fully operational, the Child Care Licensing and Registration Information System, CLARIS, will offer the citizens of Kansas, state and local child care partners, and service providers access to certain childcare information online. Accessing child care information using web based technology will enable parents, SRS, foster care placement agencies, the Juvenile Justice Authority and other child care partners to make

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informed decisions concerning the quality and availability of their child care choices. Not only will the new technology enable the department to provide compliance information to thousands of Kansans efficiently and effectively, but it will also improve the regulatory program's ability to safeguard children through the timely sharing of critical information between agencies.

Local health departments, and in particular the Child Care Facility Surveyors, will have up to date access to county and state data for reporting purposes and will have access to detailed child care information necessary to carry out the regulatory program at the local level. The project contains significant changes to the survey process, including the ability to document and submit survey findings electronically.

The CLARIS core database was moved from the test environment to production in December 2003, and is now being used on a limited basis by KDHE and SRS staff. SRS, the agency that provided funding for the CLARIS system, is partnering with KDHE to pilot remote access to the database. The pilot will give feedback to KDHE on the adequacy of the security design, identify training needs, address access issues including volume access, and overall user friendliness.

Following the completion of the pilot, in February 2004, KDHE will make any necessary adjustments to the system and begin phasing in access by other agencies. The first phase will include health department access to the system for viewing the data as well as expanding access to additional SRS staff.

Additional components of the core system will be phased in later this year, including access to the system by a number of private agencies, child care partners and the public, the ability for providers to file online applications and the system for filing inspection information electronically.

Further updates will be available as additional progress is made.

LOGISTICS HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

by Debbi Baugher, RN, Administrator

Labette County Health Department was contacted by a local institution about the possibility of administering vaccinations to an Army Reserve Unit in Parsons, KS that was preparing to be activated. Logistics Health Inc. (LHI) of La Crosse, WI had contacted this facility requesting nursing services, however, immunizations was not their expertise so the health department was contacted.

"LHI is working in tandem with Federal Occupational Health to provide the most professional, cost effective and complete medical and dental services in support of the Federal

Strategic Health Alliance (FEDS_HEAL)."

After securing proof of malpractice insurance, copies of current licenses of nurses, completing a W-9, and signing a Fee Schedule and Contract, the company agreed to overnight the needed supplies. All vaccines, the centrifuge, and other supplies were provided by LHI. The health department was responsible for supplying an Epi-pen, a blood pressure cuff, sharps containers and disposal of them, and a tourniquet.

Each nurse participating was required to read two manuals: FEDS_HEAL ON SITE HIV CLINIC SCOPE OF WORK & STANDING ORDERS and FEDS_HEAL ON SITE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCOPE OF WORK & STANDING ORDERS. Papers were signed and faxed to LHI stating this had been done by each nurse.

Immunizations to be given included Hepatitis A/Series, Polio, Tetanus-Diphtheria, Typhoid, Influenza, Meningitis, TB/PPD, and HIV blood draws.

The team arrived at the Reserve Center with three nurses, one clerk, and a student from the local high school observing the health department for her Medical Career class. A station was set-up for the clerk to "scrub" the charts which means looking through hundreds of papers to determine what vaccinations were needed, two stations with nurses each giving three different vaccines and one nurse administering the TB skin tests and HIV blood draws.

This turned into a long process due to the clerk having to scrub the charts. Many soldiers had multiple papers with immunizations recorded so that required time for comparison to assure they were properly vaccinated and yet not over vaccinated. None of the charts were alike, the forms were different and located in different areas of the chart, and some soldiers had no records at all.

Vaccinations actually provided were: 32 Hep A, 10 Polio, 21 Td, 28 Typhoid, 37 Influenza, and 21 Meningitis along with 39 TB skin tests and 3 HIV blood draws.

LHI provided all mailing supplies to return extra vaccine, supplies, etc. Specimens were refrigerated and shipped FedEx Monday morning. A nurse from the health department did return to the Reserve Unit building Monday morning to read the TB skin test and record them.

Our team was contacted by this company again to provide another immunization clinic for a unit in Miami, Oklahoma. Basically the same steps were followed to prepare for this clinic. The nursing staff at this clinic included different people so all of the nurses had an opportunity to participate. The clinic



at this site went much smoother with more organization. Lessons were learned that will benefit our facility in preparing for mass clinics.

The health department was reimbursed for their services and time involved in preparation. Our team appreciated being involved in the clinics and felt very good about the opportunity to provide service to the men and women in uniform who serve our great country.

ASBESTOS AND VERMICULITE ATTIC INSULATION

*by Scott Bangert, Environmental Scientist
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EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) have launched a national awareness campaign to provide homeowners with important information on vermiculite attic insulation (VAI). The campaign is being launched because of the possible contamination of VAI with asbestos fibers. Prior to 1990



much of the world's vermiculite supply came from a mine in Libby, Montana. That mine had a natural deposit of asbestos which resulted in the vermiculite being contaminated with asbestos. Attic insulation produced using vermiculite (particularly from the Libby mine) may contain asbestos fibers. When asbestos containing products are disturbed, thin lightweight asbestos fibers are released into the air which can be inhaled. Inhalation of asbestos fibers into the lungs can cause health problems. In general the greater the exposure to asbestos, the greater the chance of developing harmful health effects.

A major component of the campaign is a consumer guidance brochure. The brochure instructs homeowners on how to identify vermiculite attic insulation and provides recommendations to homeowners which include:

- Consumers should not disturb vermiculite attic insulation. Any disturbance has the potential to release asbestos fibers into the air.
- Homeowners with vermiculite attic insulation should limit the number of trips to attic space and shorten the length of time of those trips. Boxes should not be stored in the attic if retrieving the material will disturb the insulation.
- Children should not be allowed to play in an attic with open areas of vermiculite insulation.

- Homeowners should never attempt to remove the insulation. Hire professionals trained and certified to safely remove the material.

If homeowners plan to remodel or conduct renovations that would disturb the vermiculite, hire professionals trained and certified to handle asbestos to safely remove the material.



EPA currently believes that intact, undisturbed VAI that is not migrating into living areas of homes does not pose a significant exposure for home occupants and says that if asbestos containing VAI is found in a home intact and undisturbed the best practice might be to leave it in place.

A copy of the EPA brochure can be obtained from the Toxic Substance Control Act Assistance Information Service (TAIS) Asbestos Hotline at: 1-800-471-7127 or from the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/insulation.html>.

In Kansas the removal of friable asbestos containing material (material that contains more than 1% asbestos, by weight, which is applied to ceilings, walls, structural members, piping, ductwork or any other part of a building and which, when dry, may be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by hand pressure) must be completed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor. These licensed contractors have special equipment and training to remove asbestos without releasing asbestos fibers into the environment. Kansas regulations identify specific work practices that need to be utilized to prevent asbestos fibers from becoming airborne during the removal process. If more than 10 square feet or 25 linear feet of friable asbestos is to be removed, the licensed contractors is required to submit an abatement notification to KDHE at least ten working days prior to the start of the project. The notification identifies the amount of asbestos that is being removed, where the asbestos is located, the work practices that will be utilized, where the asbestos waste will be disposed, and worker certification. There are exceptions for homeowners that remove asbestos containing material themselves from their own home.

In Kansas information concerning asbestos removal, contractors, inspections and regulations can be obtained from the Asbestos Control Unit of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at 785-296-1689 or on the internet at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/radiation/index.html#asbestos>.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS 2004 Schedule

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10am – 3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 24
May 26
July 28
September 22

North Central Region: Meetings are held from 9am-3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates and locations are:

February 24	Clay Center
April 13	Airport Hilton - Wichita
June 22	Ellsworth
August 24	Belleville
October 26	Lincoln
December 7	Abilene

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 11
June 10
September 9
December 9

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 12
April 8
June 10
August 12
October 14
December 9

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 5
May 6
August 5
November 4

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9am-3pm in Garden City. Locations to be announced. Dates are:

March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19

PUBLIC HEALTH PERSONNEL UPDATES

Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, MPH - will be leaving Kansas Department of Health and Environment after almost ten years of service. Dr. Pezzino has accepted the position of Director of Public Health Studies for the Kansas Health Institute. The



Kansas Health Institute (KHI) is an independent, non-profit health policy and research organization based in Topeka. KHI was established in 1995 with a multi-year grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. Pezzino's direct role at KHI will be to direct activities related to public health, working in close contact with state and local public health agencies. Pezzino's last day with KDHE is Friday, February 13, 2004.

Diane Bertone, MSN, ARNP - is the new Administrator for the SEK Multi-County Health Departments, office in Iola. Diane previously worked for SEK Multi-County Health Dept. in Garnett from 1979-1995. Bertone received her BSN from KUMC in 1996 and her Masters, ARNP from KUMC in 1998. In 1998 - 2003 Diane worked as an assistant professor at Emporia State University with the Newman Division of Nursing.

Joan Bolin, RN - has retired as the Administrator of Morton County Health Department effective December 15, 2003.



Pam Carpenter, Senior Administrative Specialist for the Director of Health, KDHE - has accepted a new position at Kansas University working as the Secretary to the

Senior Vice-Provost. Pam had worked 25 years for KDHE. A going away reception was held on Friday, January 9, 2004 for Pam.

Brandi Fleming, RN, BSN - is the new Administrator at Morton County Health Department. Brandi has been a public health nurse at the health department since July 1999.

Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH - Director and Assistant Deputy State Epidemiologist, Epidemiologic Services, KDHE, has accepted the job of Acting State Epidemiologist when Dr. Pezzino leaves on February 13, 2004.

Michael McNulty, BS - will be working as a consultant in the hospital bioterrorism program for the Office of Local and Rural Health. His official start date was January 18, 2004. Michael's degree is in Earth Science and he has worked as an Environmental Geologist for the Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Department of Environment, for the last three years. McNulty is currently working on his MCJ, Masters in Criminal Justice, emphasis on Terrorism, at Washburn University. Michael has Hazmat Tech. I certification and has attended numerous training sessions on suicide bombing. He is a native of Kansas, born in Lawrence and raised in Eudora.



Dana Shapland RN - is the new Administrator at Lane County Health Department. Dana previously worked a year at the Lane County Hospital.

Amy West, PAC - is the new Administrator at the Barber County Health Department, Medicine Lodge, as of November, 2003.

Jerri Zwegardt - is retiring as the Assistant Administrator for Cheyenne County Health Department. Jerri is leaving Cheyenne County to enter the nursing program at Colby Community College.

Karla Zwegardt - is the new Assistant Administrator for Cheyenne County Health Department. In addition to her administrative duties she will be accepting the position as Healthy Start Home Visit coordinator.

NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Health and Chronic Disease

*Women's Health Brief
August 2003, Issue Brief No. 1*

A number of health conditions uniquely or disproportionately affect women including the following chronic diseases:

- **HEART DISEASE** is the number one killer of American women. More women actually die of heart disease each year than do

men. Symptoms of a heart attack in women may also differ from those in men, which can lead to a misdiagnosis.

- **CANCER** is the second leading killer of American women. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among American women, followed by breast cancer, and colorectal cancer.
- **STROKE** is the third leading cause of death for American women. It kills more than twice as many women each year as breast cancer. Together stroke and heart disease kill nearly twice as many American women as do all types of cancer combined.
- **AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES** such as systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjogren's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, or scleroderma are found most often in women. Three out of four people with autoimmune diseases are female. When considered as individual conditions, autoimmune diseases are not very common. However, taken together as a group, they represent the fourth largest cause of disability among American women.
- **DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY DISORDERS** disproportionately affect women. Women are nearly twice as likely as men to experience major depression during their lifetimes. Women are two to three times more likely to have certain types of anxiety. At least 90 percent of all cases of eating disorders occur in women.
- **CHRONIC DISABLING CONDITIONS** affect women more often because of their longer lives. These conditions include diabetes, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, Alzheimer's disease, fibromyalgia, and chronic fatigue syndrome.

For more information on women's health, especially the health of urban women, visit this website <http://www.citymatch.org> to review CityMATCH's new Issue Brief, "Toward Urban Women's Health".



Revised Kansas Childhood Blood Lead Testing Plan



Since 1997, the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (KCLPPP) has been identified as the key source of accurate information on lead hazard awareness and lead hazard reduction activities. KCLPPP is committed to partnerships and agency collaboration to reduce childhood lead poisoning. Today, 26 years after lead-based paint was banned in 1978, Kansas's children are still at risk for lead poisoning. According to the 2000 Census data, approximately

72% of the homes in Kansas were built before 1978. The impact of lead poisoning on children is real, but silent, as it can damage their brains and limit their abilities. There are two typical causes in lead poisoning cases:

- deteriorating paint in housing that is in poor condition from little or no maintenance; and,
- remodeling activities conducted in pre-1978 homes in which no measures were taken to prevent lead-based paint exposure.

Lead poisoning is a preventable tragedy that dramatically impacts a child's ability to learn.

The Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (KCLPPP) recently revised the *Kansas Blood Lead Testing and Follow-up Guidelines* to impact the largest numbers of children at high risk for lead poisoning. Particular emphasis has been placed on children under three years of age and at high risk. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates approximately 6,400 Kansas children under the age of six have elevated blood lead levels greater than

or equal to 10 micrograms per deciliter. However, there is no safe level of lead. Early identification and treatment of lead poisoning reduces the risk that children will suffer permanent damage. A blood lead test is the only way to tell if a child has an elevated blood level.

This revised testing plan will assist health care providers and local health agencies in a widespread effort to increase screening rates and improve follow-up care for children with elevated blood lead levels across Kansas.

If you would like a copy of the revised testing plan, please call the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program toll-free (866) 865-3233 or e-mail them at, lead@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Nurses Day at the Legislature

The Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) plans to host its annual educational seminar on public policy for registered nurses on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at the Topeka Performing Arts Center in Topeka. KSNA President, Janice Jones, will welcome the registered nurses and nursing students of Kansas to the day-long educational seminar to discuss policy issues that impact the practice of nursing and delivery and financing of health care.

This year's presenters include:

LISA BLACK, MS, RN, Executive Director of the Nevada Nurses Association

CHUCK STEPANEK, BS, Executive Director of the Nebraska Nurses Association

PHILL KLINE, Kansas Attorney General

JOHN HOWARD, CRNA, is currently the Director of Anesthesia at Allen County Hospital in Iola

DONNA VIERTHALER, CRNA, MHS is a staff certified registered nurse anesthetist with Anesthesia Consulting Services, P.A., and a clinical instructor, adjunct faculty for Newman University, Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia

The Topeka Performing Arts Center, 241 SE 8th, Topeka. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for registration, with presentations beginning at 9 a.m. RNs and LPNs will be eligible to receive 5.6 contact hours of continuing nursing education credit. Fees are \$35 for KSNA members and full-time nursing students (with contact hours), \$50 for non-members, \$13 for full-time nursing students (with no contact hours). No on-site registration or registrations after February 9, 2004 will be permitted and early registration is encouraged. Registrations



postmarked after January 31, 2004 will pay an additional \$5 fee. Optional Capitol Tours and State Capitol Observation Tours are scheduled throughout the day, and lunch is available on-site for \$6. For registration information contact KSNA at 785-233-8638 or e-mail ksna@ksna.net. A registration form is available through the conference link on the KSNA website at: www.nursingworld.org/snas/ks.

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Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI)

provides an opportunity for participants to develop their leadership knowledge, skills, and competencies in order to strength organizational effectiveness and positively impact the public health system in Kansas. The vision of KPHLI is to improve leadership competencies of the public health workforce so as to improve the public health infrastructure in Kansas in the 21st century. The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute is a 12-month program.

The scholars in the program represent an investment by the scholars themselves and their organizations. The program is an opportunity to not only improve the knowledge and leadership skills of individuals, but also their organization. Scholars are participating in regularly scheduled meetings and activities. In addition, scholars are involved in distance learning activities (vis Web or teleconference) between classroom sessions.

There are twenty-three scholars this first session, representing diversity among organizations and positions in the public health field. The scholars are: Elizabeth Ablah, KU School of Medicine - Wichita, Judy Chase, KDHE, Eldonna Chesnut, Johnson County Health Department, Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Kingman County Health Department, Neita Christopherson, Reno County Health Department, Lisa Cornwell, Pratt Health Foundation, Linda Frazier, KDHE, Heather Fuller, KDHE, Janis Goedeke, Crawford County Health Department, Phil Griffin, KDHE, Debi Hatfield, KDHE, Mike Heideman, KDHE, Mary Jayne Hellebust, Kansas Smokeless Kids Initiative, Judy Johnston, KU School of Medicine - Wichita, Lougene Marsh, Lyon County Health Department, Bridgitt Mitchell, KDHE, Debbie Nickels, Nickels Public Health Consulting, Dan Partridge, Reno County Health Department, Sue Riley, KDHE, Timothy Scanlan, KU School of Medicine - Wichita, Kim

Sykes, KDHE, Cyndi Treaster, KDHE, and Debbie Whitmer, KDHE.

Web Site Provides News of Interest to Public Health Workers And Links to Public Health Internet Resources!



Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce is a collaboration of agencies and organizations with a common goal of helping the public health workforce find and use information effectively to improve and protect the public's health.

Agencies and organizations participating in Partners include the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), the Public Health Foundation (PHF), and the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE).



A factsheet that describes the Partners collaboration is available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nno/partners.html>.

A brochure with information about the National Library of Medicine's resources that are particularly relevant to public health practice is also available at http://phpartners.org/pdf/information_card.pdf.

Public Health Infrastructure Resource Center



The Public Health Infrastructure Resource Center (PHIRC) provides information to those wanting to strengthen public health systems in the three core areas of infrastructure (as defined by the CDC), these are:

- The public health workforce
- Information, data, and communication systems
- Organizational and systems capacity

This searchable site is a gateway to information about the infrastructure of public health systems that protect the public's health maybe found at <http://www.phf.org/infrastructure>.

Because PHF selected and annotated everything listed in PHIRC, you can save time finding relevant information. Search by infrastructure subject area (workforce capacity, information systems, and systems capacity) or by resource type.

Resource Types include:

Facts and Research: summaries of and links to publications, web sites, organizations, and initiatives related to the three core areas of infrastructure.

Under this heading you will find resources like...

The new National Public Health Performance Standards Program Performance

Improvement Resource Guide for State Public Health Systems

http://www.phf.org/PerformanceTools/NPHP_SP_State_PI.htm, which can be found by clicking on the "Systems Capacity" button, and then the "Facts and Research" button.

Making the Case: presentations, evidence, and tools to help public health leaders, policymakers, and others understand the need for increased funding and attention to public health infrastructure.

Under this heading you will find resources like...

The recent Institute of Medicine's report, Who will Keep the Public Healthy?

<http://www.nap.edu/books/030908542X/html/>, outlining recommendations and a framework for strengthening public health education, research, and practice. Click on the "Making the Case" button and then the "Workforce Capacity" button

Questions to Ask: information on tools to assess your jurisdiction's infrastructure.

To learn more about the types of questions that will help you improve data, information, and communications in your jurisdiction, click on the "Questions to Ask" button, then "Information Systems" to find assessment tools.

Other sections include Learning Resources, What's New?, and a special Bioterrorism Preparedness infrastructure section. PHF plans to enhance the site in the future and welcomes comments and suggested additions at info@phf.org.

The site is funded by the Public Health Foundation and the Public Health Practice Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CONFERENCES

1st Kansas Public Health Nursing Conference: "Broadening Our Horizons"



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in partnership with the St.

Louis University School of Public Health Heartland Center is offering their first Public Health Nursing Conference, "Broadening Our Horizons" on April 12-14, 2004 in Wichita at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to an overview of Public Health Nursing, using the newly adopted Quad Council on Linkages Public Health Nursing Competencies as a reference point. Days two and three will incorporate national keynote speakers on important current topics, including:

- Public Health Performance Standards
- MAPP – Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships
- Public Health Nursing Competencies

Various breakout sessions will be included on topics of interest to public health nurses, designed to increase proficiency in Public Health Competencies and Bioterrorism and Readiness Competencies.

No conference is complete without camaraderie and fun. The Prairie Rose Wranglers will be at the Tuesday night banquet to entertain us with their cowboy harmonies, so bring your jeans! Our last speaker of the conference will be humorologist Jae Pierce-Baba. Her mission in life is to spread the word of the power of therapeutic humor in both our professional and private lives.

We hope you mark this important conference on your calendar and plan to make it a priority to come, learn, and leave refreshed and renewed!

Public Health International Conference

Washburn University

The luncheon keynote speaker on July 11 will be Dr. Jose Teruel.

Dr. Teruel is a Senior Advisor in International Health and Special Advisor to the Director of the Pan American Health Organization, regional office of the World Health Organization for the American



continent. Dr. Teruel's presentation will be "Global Health in the XXI Century and the New Millenium." He is the originator of the "Health: A Bridge for Peace" strategy, implemented in Central American,

using international health cooperation as a means for mediating conflicts.

Dr. Teruel received his medical degree at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, with post-graduate studies in Brazil and England. He received his training in epidemiology and statistics at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. He serves as a professor of Global Health and International Affairs at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University and is the Coordinator of the Global Health Course taught at the Summer Session in Epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University of Michigan.

The upcoming international public health conference being hosted by Washburn University School of Nursing, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and six other northeastern Kansas healthcare organizations. The conference will be held on the Washburn campus July 10 – 13, 2004, and will provide a forum to share strategies and innovations in public health through keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, symposia and poster presentations.

For more information please contact Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Washburn University, at 785-231-1010, extension 1212, ellen.carson@washburn.edu or see website: <http://www.washburn.edu/nursing-conference>



TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for 2004



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training sessions this coming year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The training sessions are listed below:

NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University
Memorial Union, Trails Room
College Drive
Hays, KS 67601
March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room
Wichita, KS 67214
July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)
108 Ross Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address ekizzie@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training

Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Office of Local & Rural Health, will sponsor four Cultural Competency training sessions this coming year. The KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund is funding the training sessions. Elizabeth



Kizzie and Catherine Anderson are presenting the training sessions from Jewish Vocational Service in Kansas City. Health care providers serve more non-English or limited English-speaking clients each day. The two main barriers providers face are language and culture. The Cultural Competency training sessions will provide you an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include; Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships.



WICHITA

February 11 & 12, 2004
8:00 am-5:00pm
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, "Meadowlark Room"
Wichita, KS 67214

GREAT BEND

April 14 & 15, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
SRS Building
1305 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS

GARDEN CITY

June 16, & 17, 2004
 8:00am-5:00pm
 SRS Building
 1710 Palace Drive
 Garden City, KS 67846

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie or Catherine Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 at 816-471-2808, ext. 142 for Elizabeth and ext. 124 for Catherine. You may also e-mail Elizabeth at ekizzie@jvskc.org and e-mail Catherine at canders@jvskc.org.

**Billing Workshops****North Central Billing Group ("BB")**

March 23, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - noon
 June 29, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - noon
 September 21, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - noon

Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

North West Billing Group ("BA")

February 25, 2004 Ellis County Health Dept.
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 May 26, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 August 25, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 November 23, 2004 To be announced
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

**Healthy Start Home Visitor
Spring Regional Training 2004****3-24-04 SW – Ulysses 9A-12P**

Grant County Courthouse
 105 S Glenn
 Ulysses, KS 67880

**3-26-04 NW – Colby 9A-12P**

Quality Inn Motel Meeting Room
 1950 S Range
 Colby, KS 67701

4-5-04 NE – Sabetha 9A-12P

Nemaha County Health Department
 1205 Main

Sabetha, KS 66534

4-7-04 NC – Concordia 9A-12P

Cloud County Health Department
 1010 3rd Avenue
 Concordia, KS 66901

4-26-04 SE – Eureka 9A-12P

Meeting Room Behind Enterprise Bank
 418 N Main Street
 Eureka, KS 67045

5-3-04 SC – Pratt 1P-4P

Community Center in Pratt
 619 N Main
 Pratt, KS 67124

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**GENERAL WORKSHOPS**

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at:
<http://www.ksbn.org>.

Kansas Area Health Education Center
Health Outreach Program

Look for the AHEC trainings at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> then go to "Additional PH Training Calendar"
 NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128.
 SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259
 SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



See PHTN website at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

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02/05/04 2:00PM – 4:00PM CT	Sexual Coercion For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
02/11/04 2:00PM – 4:00PM CT	Breast Cancer <i>Public Health Staff Development</i> For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
02/12/04 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT	11th CROI Satellite Community Update on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections For more information please email: IFARA or call (503) 736-0194 (Pacific Time)
02/18/04 12:00PM – 1:30PM CT	Agroterrorism sponsored by South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness (SCCPHP) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
02/19/04 11:00AM – 2:30PM CT	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Session 1 of 4 View course overview.
02/25/04 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT	"CoMNET–WMD Video Update – "Mass Fatality Exercise, Radio Interoperability, Self Protection Strategies and more..." For more information, contact Ed Kronholm, at 877-820-0305 or visit:

http://www.dlnets.com/ntpi_25Feb04.htm.

CDC02/26/04
Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Session 2 of 4

11:00AM – 2:30PM CT
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03/04/04 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM CT	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 2004 Session 3 of 4 View course overview.
03/04/04 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT	"GHB, Rave and Club Drugs" For more information, contact Ed Kronholm, at 877-820-0305 or visit: http://www.dlnets.com/mctft_04Mar04.htm .
03/10/04 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT	STD Update for Clinicians and Counselors (Public Health Staff Development) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
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To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>
The Public Health Training Network:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>.

National Library of Medicine –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

CDC BT Training –
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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